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Re: Application of West et al.
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Art Unit: 1674
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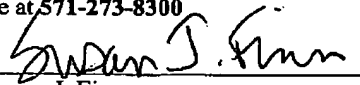
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Commissioner:

We received an Office Communication ("Communication") regarding this patent application, signed by Examiner Mark Halpern and mailed on July 20, 2005. A copy of the Communication is enclosed herewith.

The Communication states that the Response After Final Office Action ("Response") we filed on June 7, 2005, was not fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 7, 2005, because Claims 1, 8 and 15 should have been marked (original) instead of (currently amended), and lines crossed out in the claims should not have been crossed out.

Applicant respectfully notes that the Communication is in error.

The Response did amend Claims 1, 8, and 15 by adding new language and deleting old language. Therefore, the claim status identifiers were correct, and the crossed-out lines were correct.

Applicant also notes that this is the second Office Communication with respect to this Response. An Office Communication was also mailed on June 14, 2005. That Communication stated that the Response would not be entered. Applicant then filed a Request for Continued Examination on July 12, 2005 and noted the June 7, 2005 Response.

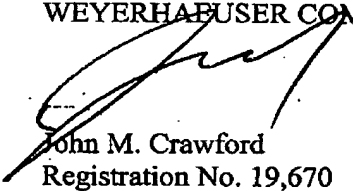
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Applicant believes that no fee is due for this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized any fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1480. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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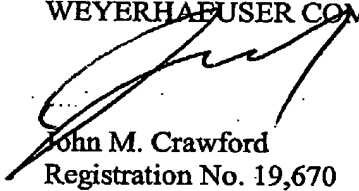
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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The reply filed on 6/7/2005, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In the Amendment received 6/7/2005, the status identifier of claims 1, 8, 15, should be changed from "(currently amended)" to (original)-. Crossed out lines in the above claims should be removed.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone number is 571-272-1190. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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